

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

**Please INSERT the following beginning at page 1, line 5:**

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is based on Japanese Priority Application No. 11-332984 filed on November 29, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Please REPLACE the following paragraph beginning at page 9, line 13 with the following paragraph:**

In FIG.3, a user A using a client A opens a setting window 41 shown in FIG.4A at the display unit 15 in FIG.2 in order to register seal-image personal information including secret information (a password or the like) and open information (a user name, a job title or the like). Then, in order to register necessary information, the user A inputs an employee number (step S1) and subsequently inputs a seal name (for example, "date seal 1", "private seal 1" or the like) (step S2). When the user A clicks "~~REGISTRATER~~" "REGISTER", the registration window 43 for a seal image shown in FIG.4B is displayed. At the registration window 43, the user A inputs a name (step S3) and a job title (step S4). Furthermore, the user A selects one seal shape (step S5) and then indicates a seal size, for example, in millimeters (mm) (step S6). For illustration, the user A registers "FUJI" for the name, "DEVELOPMENT SECTION MANAGER" for the job title, "ROUND (DATE REQUIRED)" for the seal shape, and "12" mm for the seal size. In this case, a seal image is generated based on the above input information and a seal image display area 45 shows the seal image (step S7). The user A registers the seal image by clicking "~~REGISTRATER~~" "REGISTER". The above input information and the seal image generated in the step S7 are registered in the storage unit 16 in FIG.2. When the user A wishes to cancel registering the input information or the seal image, the user A clicks "CANCEL".

**Please DELETE the following paragraph beginning at page 17, line 15:**

~~The present application is based on Japanese Priority Application No. 11-332984 filed on November 24, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.~~